

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Koichi KAWASHIMA

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STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A new utility application was filed in the referenced application on September 3, 2003. Since more than six months have elapsed since that date, and no response to said application has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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